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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 1637  
Clark Rundell *et al.* :  
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Appln. No.: 09/866,283 : Examiner: Teresa E. Strzelecka  
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Filed: May 25, 2001 :   
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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS : Attorney Docket  
RELATING TO NUCLEIC ACID : No.: 053650-5001  
REFERENCE STANDARDS :

**PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to and including March 1, 2004 (February 29, 2004, being a Sunday) for responding to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_.00 is enclosed herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (**Billing No. 053650-5001**) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.
- ☒ Extension fee in the amount of **\$210.00**.
- ☒ Any deficiencies or overpayments in the above-calculated fee.

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Respectfully submitted,  
**CLARK RUNDELL ET AL.**

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